

ADVISORY OPINION 92-010

Any advisory opinion rendered by the registry under subsection (1) or (2) of this section may be relied upon only by the person or committee involved in the specific transaction or activity with respect to which the advisory opinion is required. KRS 121. 135(4).

December 23, 1992

Honorable Pete Worthington
House Speaker Pro Tempore
State Capitol, Room 305
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Advisory Opinion Request

Dear Speaker Worthington:

Your questions can be restated by the following two questions:

1. May Speaker Worthington use his campaign funds, subject to Registry jurisdiction under KRS Chapter 121, to help defray expenses incurred in running for Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representative? and
2. May Speaker Worthington create a separate fund from separate contributions to defray expenses incurred in running for Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representative?

In the case of the first question, it would not be permissible for you to use money from your campaign fund to further your election to Speaker of the House.

In the case of the second question, such a fund would not fall within the jurisdiction of the Registry of Election Finance. Obviously, there is no potential violation of Kentucky campaign finance laws in this case.

This opinion is based upon the course of action outlined in your letter. If you should have any more questions, please give us a call. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Shull
General Counsel

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